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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Thomas HOFMANN et al.

Application No.: 09/743,215

Art Unit: 2685

Filed: January 8, 2001

Examiner: N. T. Le

For: OPTIMIZED COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
FOR RADIO-ASSISTED TRAFFIC SERVICES

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated April 16, 2004, for which a response is due on July 16, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS

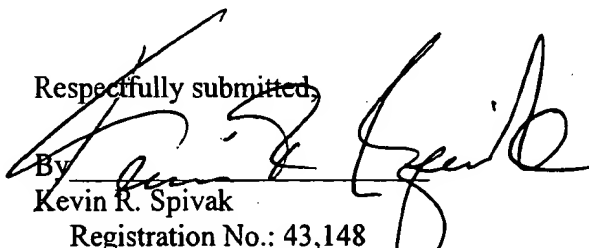
Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 2 (now canceled), allowable by the Examiner. Claim 4 has been amended to depend from claim 1.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Entry of the amendment after-final is therefore appropriate. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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Dated: July 16, 2004

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